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Dr. Jill Biden to read from Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops at Dover Library story time

(DOVER, Del.) Nov. 5, 2012 — Dr. Jill Biden, the wife of Vice President Joe Biden, will read from her new book, *Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops*, during the story time program at 10:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, at the Dover Public Library.

Dr. Biden's appearance at the Dover Library is part of a series of readings from the book this fall at story hours throughout the state as Delaware Libraries presents programs to recognize the contributions of the men and women in the nation's military service. Copies of *Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops* will be available for purchase at the Dover Library, and Dr. Biden will autograph copies of books.

The book is an account of the real life experiences of Dr. Biden's granddaughter Natalie's year while Natalie's father, Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, served in Iraq with his Delaware National Guard unit.

She wrote the book to help children overcome feelings of loneliness when a parent is absent and to help non-military families better understand the experience of having loved ones serving overseas during wartime. The book includes resources about what readers can do to support military service members and their families.

Library staff will read from *Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops* during these story hours:

- Wednesday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. Delmar Public Library
- Wednesday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. Selbyville Public Library
- Wednesday, Nov. 7, 10:45 a.m. Harrington Public Library
- Wednesday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m. Frankford Public Library
- Thursday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. Wilmington Library
- Friday, Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m. Elsmere Library
- Friday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Smyrna Public Library
- Friday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m. Appoquinimink Community Library, Middletown
- Saturday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m. New Castle Library
- Saturday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m. -- Laurel Public Library
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. Milton Public Library
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10:15 a.m. Hockessin Library
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. Lewes Public Library
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. Georgetown Public Library

- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. Kirkwood Library
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Newark Library
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. Woodlawn Library, Wilmington
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Delaware City Public Library
- Wednesday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library, Odessa
- Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1:30 p.m. Hockessin Library
- Thursday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. Kent County Library
- Thursday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m. Millsboro Public Library

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About Geek the Library—

Geek the Library is a national community public awareness campaign aimed at spreading the word about the vital and growing role of your public library, and to raise awareness about the critical funding issues many U.S. public libraries face. The campaign is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and is sponsored by OCLC, a nonprofit library cooperative that provides services to libraries.

The statewide *We Geek the Delaware Dream* is a component of the national "Geek the Library" campaign, and showcases libraries' ongoing role in helping Delaware become an even more vibrant and prosperous place where all dreams are realized. *We Geek the Delaware Dream* events include community conversations, an online forum, Money School financial empowerment workshops, and author visits and children's story times to honor the military who protect our freedom. Visit <u>delawarelibraries.org/geek</u> for the full schedule of events.

About Delaware Libraries—

All 32 county, municipal, and independent public libraries throughout Delaware collaborate to offer free 24/7 access to the online catalog (<u>delawarelibraries.org</u>) and Ask a Librarian Delaware; free access to Wi-Fi and computers/internet with the fastest broadband speed in the nation; free access to ebooks, jobs databases, homework resources, audio content, and DVDs; free informal training for patrons, community partnerships, and much more to support Delawareans in their lifelong learning interests.